

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4019**

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TO:	The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Mercury Education and Collection		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4019 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 59-1-395 which prohibits any school from possessing or using elemental mercury or mercury compounds, and requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control and the Department of Education to sponsor a series of mercury collection events throughout the state.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that they will use a portion of the Solid Waste Trust Fund to contract for the collection and recycling of mercury from schools throughout the state. The estimated cost of such a contract is \$26,430 in Other Funds. There is no impact on the General Fund of the State.

Department of Education (SDE)

Enactment of this Bill would have little or no impact on SDE or the school districts assuming neither would be responsible for disposal the mercury.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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